

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

JENNIFER LEIGH RICE,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:15-CV-05381-BHS-JRC

ORDER TO FILE AN AMENDED
PETITION OR MOTION TO CHANGE
THE CASE CAPTION

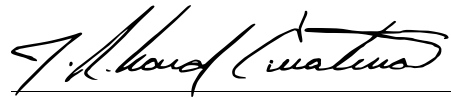
The District Court referred this petition for a writ of habeas corpus to United States Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) (1) (A) and (B), and local Magistrate Judge Rules MJR3 and MJR4. Petitioner seeks relief from a state conviction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Petitioner has named only the State of Washington as respondent. Petitioner needs to name a natural person -- not a governmental entity. The proper respondent is the person having custody of petitioner. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2242. This person is usually the superintendent of the facility in which petitioner is incarcerated. Petitioner's failure to name the correct party deprives

1 this Court of personal jurisdiction. *See Stanley v. California Supreme Court*, 21 F.3d 359, 360
2 (9th Cir. 1994).

3 Petitioner is ordered to file an amended petition or a motion asking the Court to change
4 the case caption and name the proper respondent. Petitioner's pleading must be filed on or
5 before July 24, 2015 or the Court will recommend dismissal of this petition for failure to
6 prosecute and failure to comply with a Court order.

7 Dated this 19th day of June, 2015.

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10 J. Richard Creatura
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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